

**U.S. District Court  
Northern District of Georgia (Atlanta)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-05902-MLB**

Office of the Fulton County District Attorney v. United States  
Department of Justice  
Assigned to: Judge Michael L. Brown  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 12/27/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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| 12/27/2018 | <u>1</u> | COMPLAINT (Filing fee \$400, receipt number 113E-8353961) filed by Office of the Fulton County District Attorney. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(usw) Please visit our website at |

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| 12/28/2018 | <u>2</u>  | Electronic Summons Issued as to Office of the Fulton County District Attorney. (usw) (Entered: 12/28/2018)  |
| 12/31/2018 | <u>3</u>  | APPLICATION for Admission of A. Lee Bentley, III Pro Hac Vice (Application fee \$ 150, receipt number 113E-8356925)by Office of the Fulton County District Attorney. (Rudder, Lyndsey) (Entered: 12/31/2018)  |
| 12/31/2018 | <u>4</u>  | APPLICATION for Admission of Jason P. Mehta Pro Hac Vice (Application fee \$ 150, receipt number 113E-8356974)by Office of the Fulton County District Attorney. (Rudder, Lyndsey) (Entered: 12/31/2018)   |
| 12/31/2018 | <u>5</u>  | Certificate of Interested Persons by Office of the Fulton County District Attorney. (Rudder, Lyndsey) (Entered: 12/31/2018)   |
| 01/02/2019 | <u>6</u>  | Return of Service Executed by Office of the Fulton County District Attorney. United States Department of Justice served on 12/31/2018, answer due 3/1/2019. (Rudder, Lyndsey) (Entered: 01/02/2019)   |
| 01/02/2019 | <u>7</u>  | STANDING ORDER regarding Civil Litigation. Signed by Judge Michael L. Brown on 1/2/19. (jpa) (Entered: 01/02/2019)  |
| 01/02/2019 | <u>8</u>  | Administrative order staying civil proceedings in light of lapse of appropriations. Signed by Chief Judge Thomas W. Thrash, Jr. on 12/26/18. (jdb) (Entered: 01/02/2019)  |
| 01/07/2019 |           | APPROVAL by Clerks Office re: <u>3</u> APPLICATION for Admission of A. Lee Bentley, III Pro Hac Vice (Application fee \$ 150, receipt number 113E-8356925). Attorney A. Lee Bentley, III added appearing on behalf of Office of the Fulton County District Attorney (pmb) (Entered: 01/07/2019)   |
| 01/07/2019 |           | APPROVAL by Clerks Office re: <u>4</u> APPLICATION for Admission of Jason P. Mehta Pro Hac Vice (Application fee \$ 150, receipt number 113E-8356974). Attorney Jason P. Mehta added appearing on behalf of Office of the Fulton County District Attorney (pmb) (Entered: 01/07/2019)   |
| 01/07/2019 | <u>9</u>  | ORDER granting <u>3</u> Application for Admission Pro Hac Vice of A. Lee Bentley, III. Signed by Judge Michael L. Brown on 1/7/19. (jpa) (Entered: 01/08/2019)  |
| 01/07/2019 | <u>10</u> | ORDER granting <u>4</u> Application for Admission Pro Hac Vice of Jason P. Mehta. Signed by Judge Michael L. Brown on 1/7/19. (jpa) (Entered: 01/08/2019)   |
| 01/08/2019 |           | Clerk's Certificate of Mailing as to A. Lee Bentley, III re <u>9</u> Order on Application for Admission PHV, and as to Jason P. Mehta re <u>10</u> Order on Application for Admission PHV. (jpa) (Entered: 01/08/2019)  |
| 01/30/2019 | <u>11</u> | ORDER: On January 26, 2019, the necessary legislation to resume appropriations was signed into law. The Court LIFTS the stay of this matter. Signed by Judge Michael L. Brown on 1/30/2019. (rlb) (Entered: 01/30/2019)   |
| 02/26/2019 | <u>12</u> | MOTION to Strike <i>Portions of Complaint</i> with Brief In Support by United States Department of Justice. (Ben-David, Neeli) (Entered: 02/26/2019)  |
| 03/12/2019 | <u>13</u> | AMENDED COMPLAINT for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief ( <i>Freedom of Information Act</i> ) against Office of the Fulton County District Attorney filed by Office of the Fulton County District Attorney. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D)(Rudder, Lyndsey) Please visit our website at <a href="http://www.gand.uscourts.gov/commonly-used-forms">http://www.gand.uscourts.gov/commonly-used-forms</a> to obtain Pretrial Instructions and Pretrial Associated Forms which includes the Consent To Proceed Before U.S. Magistrate form. (Entered: 03/12/2019) |
| 03/12/2019 | <u>14</u> | RESPONSE in Opposition re <u>12</u> MOTION to Strike <i>Portions of Complaint</i> filed by Office of the Fulton County District Attorney. (Rudder, Lyndsey) (Entered: 03/12/2019)   |

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| 03/13/2019 |           | ORDER (by docket entry only) denying as moot Defendant's <u>12</u> Motion to Strike Portions of Complaint in the light of Plaintiff's <u>13</u> Amended Complaint. Ordered by Judge Michael L. Brown on 3/13/2019. (bgt) (Entered: 03/13/2019)   |
| 03/26/2019 | <u>15</u> | ANSWER to <u>1</u> COMPLAINT by United States Department of Justice. Discovery ends on 8/23/2019.(Ben-David, Neeli) Please visit our website at <a href="http://www.gand.uscourts.gov">http://www.gand.uscourts.gov</a> to obtain Pretrial Instructions. (Entered: 03/26/2019)   |
| 04/17/2019 | <u>16</u> | Joint MOTION to Stay <i>Proceedings</i> with Brief In Support by United States Department of Justice. (Ben-David, Neeli) (Entered: 04/17/2019)   |
| 04/18/2019 | <u>17</u> | ORDER granting <u>16</u> Motion to Stay up to and including 5/20/2019. If the parties are unable to resolve this matter during the period of the stay, they will conduct a Rule 26(f) early planning conference on or before June 5, 2019, and will submit a Rule 26(f) Joint Preliminary Plan and Discovery Order and Rule 26 Initial Disclosures on or before June 19, 2019. Signed by Judge Michael L. Brown on 4/18/2019. (dob) (Entered: 04/18/2019)  |
| 05/24/2019 | <u>18</u> | Joint MOTION to Stay <i>Proceedings</i> with Brief In Support by United States Department of Justice. (Ben-David, Neeli) (Entered: 05/24/2019)   |
| 05/28/2019 | <u>19</u> | ORDER Granting <u>18</u> Joint Motion to Stay Proceedings, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that proceedings in this matter be stayed for a period of thirty (30) days from May 17, 2019 through June 17, 2019, during which time all deadlines shall be suspended, including the deadlines to file the Joint Preliminary Report and Discovery Plan, Plaintiff's Initial Disclosures and Defendant's Initial Disclosures. If the parties are unable to resolve this matter during the thirty-day period, they will conduct a Rule 26(f) early planning conference no later than July 3, 2019 and will submit a Rule 26(f) Joint Preliminary Plan and Discovery Order and Rule 26 Initial Disclosures no later than July 17, 2019. Signed by Judge Michael L. Brown on 5/28/19. c:Financial Office(bjh) (Entered: 05/28/2019) |
| 07/22/2019 |           | Submission of <u>19</u> Order on Motion to Stay, to District Judge Michael L. Brown. (dob) (Entered: 07/22/2019)   |
| 07/22/2019 | <u>20</u> | ORDER lifting the stay of this matter. The Court Orders the parties to file, on or before July 31, 2019, their joint preliminary report and discovery plan. The Court may sanction the parties, including dismissing this matter, if they fail to comply with this order. Signed by Judge Michael L. Brown on 7/22/2019. (dob) (Entered: 07/22/2019)   |